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WEILMAN & BRO.
Location opposite Thompson & Emanuel's Drug Store. October 24, 1856.

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J. N. RATTIFF
and the fourth from Anne Lee on the first street was established in 1792, and is now in the hands of his son, J. N. RATTIFF, New York.

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YAZOO CITY:
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Compliment to Printers.
John C. Rives, of Virginia, in a recent published letter on the subject of public printing, has a word of suggestion to writers for the press, and a compliment to the compositor, whose duty it is not unfrequently to make good sense out of very senseless chirography. None but a writer for the press can comprehend how much truth there is in the venerable printer's remarks. Many members of Congress and often not a few greater men—must have been surprised at the respectable figure they put in print, without thinking of the toil and labor and the exercise of the better talent than their own which had been expended by the journeyman printer in putting into good shape the message or report of a speech furnished them. Mr. Rives says: I have seen the manuscript writing of most great men of the country during the past twenty years, and I think I may say that not twenty of them could stand the test of one half the journeyman printers employed in my office. This fact will be vouched by every editor in the Union. To a poor journeyman printer many a good man owes his reputation for scholarship; and were the humble compositor to resolve, by contract, to set up manuscripts in their hands—even for one little week—precisely as it is written by the authors, there would be more reputations slaughtered than their devils could shake a stick at in twenty-four hours. Statesmen would become 'small by degrees, and beautifully less.' Many a one would have the lion's skin torn from his limbs. Men, whom the world calls writers, would wake up mornings and find themselves—famous as mere pretenders—humbug and chaff.

From Porter's Spirit of the Times.
Extraordinary Challenge.
GREAT SPORT COMING.
We direct attention to the extraordinary challenge signed "Gibraltar," to be found in another portion of to-day's paper. Though written in jingle, it is a very earnest matter, and notwithstanding the signature of "Gibraltar," it is unquestionably put forth by a lady. It will be recollected, that a very beautiful lady of Long Island, recently called her name as Di Vernon for the three equestrian prizes of the American Institute for at Hamilton square; and it will likewise be remembered, that having no competitor on the ground, she won the whole three premiums by merely curvetting round the course on a splendid bay, accompanied as we believe by her father. Elated by her easy victory, Di Vernon wrote us an account of her exploit in lines, and in the same meter put forth a challenge to all "horsemen fair, who were not there at Hamilton Square," to meet her, and to have a match on some other course. Now it seems that this challenge has reached a lady, at Rome in the State, who, falling into the poetical fancy of Di Vernon accepts and holds herself willing to trot mile heats, beat three in five, for a stake or a prize. To show her good faith and earnest intention in this matter the lady who has thus courageously picked up the spirit of Di Vernon's glove, furnishes her real name to us, and notifies us moreover, that she will be in town this week, when she will call upon us, at our office to arrange the necessary preliminaries. Meantime, Di Vernon unawares of this movement from the North, is placidly engaged in singing to "her steed," as will also be seen in one of our little poetical corners of today, and in putting his arching neck as if there was not the least trouble before her in the world. We now notify her, however, that "Gibraltar" is "about" that she is a bona fide horsewoman and that she is earnestly coming this way to enter into arrangements for a contest.

Here is a brilliant prospect for the Fashion Course. Two of the most beautiful women of the State coming forward in artistic racing trim for mile heats, beat three in five, under saddle, before a concourse of sixty thousand people. What says Di Vernon to the challenge? Shall we have a race?

THE SHAKERS.—The numbers of Shaker Societies in this country is eighteen, located in several different States. There are none in any foreign country. The denomination was founded by Anne Lee, who was born in 1736. She was introduced, as she believed, into the spirit world, and received instructions in regard to the denunciations which they upheld. The Shakers hold that there have been two denunciations of God to man—the first beginning with Adam and extending to Abraham, the second from Abraham to Jesus, the third from Jesus to the present time, and the fourth from Anne Lee on.

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Paris Fashions for November.
(From the Follet.)
Velvet will be much worn this winter. It is said that even satin will regain some of its former favor. In the meantime silk woven with velvet will constitute one of the most prevailing fabrics; and we shall doubtless see much beauty as well as novelty displayed in the designs. The combinations of these materials is already familiar to us.
Flounces will not be so much in request and they are endeavoring to replace them by every variety of trimming. Dresses are much trimmed on each side of the skirt; narrow velvet in arabesque or Grecque patterns; sometimes entirely cover the front breadth; this is an attempt to supersede flounces. Trimmings are also placed round the skirt in patterns of the same style as those already mentioned. The body is often trimmed with five or seven rows of narrow velvet, carried round the bust, forming a berthe which is pointed at front and round behind.
Very short talmas of velvet, cloth, or above all of chinchilla, are the favorite paradises of this Autumn. Large double shawls of Thibet plush, in Algerine patterns of bright colors, with a wide chenille fringe are introduced by some of our principal houses; and their costliness as well as their great beauty will render them exceedingly fashionable this Winter.
The cascade jumps will, without doubt, be a great favorite; it may be trimmed with a rich guipure fringe, or even a plain galon; and may be made either of cloth, taffets or velvet.
Whether there will be much novelty in the shape of bonnets is still an open question.
The skirts are still worn ballooned, but these dome dresses tire the eye; an effort is being made to reduce the circumference of these ungraceful appendages to female attire, and we trust it will be successful.
We have seen some very elegant silk dresses which for taste surpass anything that has yet appeared. They are made with double skirts, forming flounces. On the edge of each is a broad stripe woven in the silk, having the appearance of plush or chenille. It is quite in the Eastern style, being a mixture of almost all the colors—green, blue, red and yellow, appearing side by side in perfect good taste, the color of the dress itself being either dark blue, emerald green, or violet.
A dress of black glace silk had also two skirts, with flounces, which were edged with six or seven rows of narrow uncut black velvet.
The following visiting dresses are worthy of notice: The first a dress of violet and black taffets, with three flounces, edged with black velvet nearly a quarter of a yard broad; over this a black velvet cascade, fitted to the figure with very deep basques, trimmed with two rows of guipure; the sleeves open and square, showing a very large bouillonnee of black guipure.
A large Valenciennes collar. Bonnet of black velvet, trimmed with a violet and black curled feather, fastened on the top by a bow of velvet. Velvet heart-case ornamented the inside of the fronts.
The second, a dress of deep blue moire, striped with black velvet; a small blue velvet mantle trimmed with two rows of black lace, the lower one half a yard deep. White terry velvet bonnet, rimmed with two turfs of small feathers, and a blonde fall.
The third, a black taffeta dress, ornamented at each side of the skirt by two rows of black velvet and a wreath of leaves worked in small black beads, finished by a row of black lace about two inches wide. With this dress was worn a large Indian cashmere shawl, and an American green satin bonnets, covered with black tulle worked in rather large dots of black silk. The curtain was trimmed round by a ruche of black blonde, mixed with loops of very narrow velvet. On one side was placed a water lily with long black velvet leaves, and inside the front a bouillonnee of blonde and roses.
Some very pretty beaver bonnets are being prepared for the cold weather; they are of an exquisite shade, of drab, trimmed with blue, violet or comon velvet. Some have, besides, a flat feather, shaded to the color of the velvet; others have only bows of velvet on the sides, with ends brought across the curtain, which, as the bonnet is bound with velvet. Inside are placed bows, mixed with blonde or velvet leaves, with bows of black lace. When the bonnet is trimmed with black velvet; jet trimmings are placed in the cap.
As a useful and warm casque for very cold weather, or for travelling we recommend one made of reversible cloth: that is, a cloth with two faces of distinct colors; for instance, brown on one side and blue on the other, or black and violet. It is made with very wide sleeves, open the whole length; and a double row of buttons on each side enables it to be closed at the pleasure of the wearer, and when closed only to the elbow, it has the form of a pagode sleeve. At the front are small pockets, with pointed revers, made of cloth with an ANAX body, fitting to the figure and open sleeves wide at the bottom with deep moquette cuffs. It may be trimmed in various ways.

The Rev. Mr. F.—who lives near Portland, was preparing his discourse for the next Sabbath, stopping occasionally to review what he had written, and to erase that which he was not disposed to approve, he was accosted by his little son, who numbered but three summers:
"Father, does God tell you what to preach?"
"Certainly, my child."
"Then what makes you scratch it out?"

"Jim, did you ever study grammar?"
"I did."
"What case is Squire C—?"
"He is in the objective case."
"How?"
"Because he objected to paying his subscription that he had been owing for five years or more."
"What is a noun?"
"I do not know, but I know what renoun is."
"Well, what is it?"
"Why running off without paying the printer and getting on the black list as a delinquent."
"Very good. Now what is a conjunction?"
"A method of collecting outstanding subscription in conjunction with a constable. Never employed by printers until the last extremity."

A Physician's Evidence on Dancing.

That beautiful, graceful accomplishment of dancing, so perverted by late hours and the indecency of fashionable attire, has outraged many sensible people, and led them to deprive the young ones of the most simple and healthy enjoyments, because it has been abused. For myself, I can testify not only to its healthful, but to its recuperative power. The fortieth, nay, the fiftieth year of my age, found me enjoying this life-cheered exercise. It should be one of the earliest amusements of children, and care should be taken by parents that it is understood as an amusement. While I am on this topic, I will mention a case that occurred in my practice. A thoughtful, anxious mother, who had lost three children, brought to me her only remaining child—a daughter. Her temperament nervous bilious—the nervous fearfully predominant; with great irritability of the system, peevish, passionate, dyspeptic, sleepless; of course, exacting, arbitrary, and uncomfortable; the poor child looked sad, old morbid and miserable. She had been to school, because her parents thought it an amusement for her to be with other children. After critically examining her physiognomy, I said to her mother, "What is the temperament of your husband?" "The same as my own," she replied. "Then the child is doubly stamped," I continued, "and very vigorous measure must be used, if you expect to restore her health. Divorce her immediately from anything mental so far as memorizing is concerned—she send her to the dancing schools, that she may combine order and exercise with order and melody, and thus some of her rough edges may be rounded. The child—her large eyes wide open with wonder and delight—interrupted with "Dancing school? O, how I've longed to go, but mother says it's wrong, and leads to wickedness." What a dilemma for a physician what a dilemma for a child! "Did you ever intend your daughter to play the piano, guitar, or some other musical instrument?" said I to the mother. "O yes," was the answer. "Why," I continued, "why show such partiality to the upper extremities? The hands are rendered happy as a medium of melody; the feet are rendered equally happy in the same way." A nice afternoon school received the young girl, who grew in health and harmony every month, as she followed the gymnastic rules prescribed for her. Dancing is a healthful, beautiful, graceful recreation, and is not responsible for the abuses luxury has thrown around it. The vulgarism and excitement of the ball room have no more to do with the simple enjoyment of the dance than the rich wines and sumptuous banquets of the gourmand, in whom they induce a taste, have to do with the temperate repasts that satisfy the natural wants of the body.—Dr. H. K. Hunt

ITEMS FOR THE LADIES.—Lady readers, will the following hints be useful? Britannia should first be gently washed with warm soap and water, then washed in warm acid, and rubbed with soft leather and whiting. This treated, it will retain its beauty to the last. New iron should be gradually heated at first; after it has become incured with the heat, it is not likely to crack. It is a good plan to put new earthenware into water, and let it heat gradually until it boils—then cool again. Brown earthenware, particularly, may be toughened in this way. A handful of wheat or rye bran thrown in while boiling, will preserve the glazing, so that it will not be destroyed by acid or salt. Clean a brass kettle before using it for cooking, with salt and vinegar. The oftener carpets are shaken, the longer they will wear. The dirt that collects under grinds out the threads. If you wish to preserve fine felt, always clean them thoroughly after you have eaten your last meal at night. Woolen should be washed in very hot suds, and not rinsed. Lukewarm water shrinks woolen goods. Never allow sashes to be taken up in wood, or put into wood. Always have your matches and lamp ready for use in case of alarm. Have important papers all together, where you can lay your hands on them at once in case of fire. Do not put up knives and forks in wooden drawers. Wrap them in good strong paper. Steel is injured by laying in wooden. Old bread may be made almost as new, by dipping the loaf in cold water, then putting it in the oven after the bread is drawn, or a stove, and let it heat through. Langlass is a most delicate starch for fine muslin. When boiling comon starch, sprinkle in a little fine salt—it will prevent its sticking. Some use sugar.

The Oswego (N. Y.) Times says it proposes to give the Buchanan administration a "fair chance, and judge by its acts." It resisted its advent, but can't prevent its coming into power now. It consoles itself by the reflection that it cannot, possibly, be worse than the present, and adds:

"Frank Pierce promised well. He went into the Presidency at the large end of the horn, and came out at the little end. Buchanan has not promised much. He goes in at the little end of the horn, and we hope, for the good of the country, he will come out at the big end. At all events, he has the power of doing great good or incredible evil."

Good.—We heard lately, a little story of one of our lawyers. He was engaged in an important case, and was cross questioning a witness, whose character was impeachable, and whose testimony was rather homesome. In vain did he cross-examine the witness was firm. At last he exclaimed—
"Well, Mr. —, isn't there something else? Haven't you forgot something?"
The witness paused a moment as if deeply reflecting, and answered:
"Well, really, Mr. —, I can't recollect anything I have forgotten."

Who Goes Below.—A son of Erin having hired his services to cut some ice, was asked if he could use the cross-cut saw. He replied that "he could, certainly." He was sent accordingly in company with some of his co-laborers to cut some ice, and on reaching the centre of the pond the saw produced with both handles still in their places. The verdant son looked at the saw, very coolly put his hand in his pocket, and drawing from it a coat, turned to his companion, and smilingly the coat said, "Now, Jemmie, fair play, head or tail, who goes below?"

As a lady was walking on Washington street, Boston, a short time ago, a gentleman's button caught hold of the fringe of her shawl. Some moments elapsed before the parties separated. "I am attached to you," said the gentleman, good humoredly, while he was industriously trying to get loose. "The attachment is mutual, sir," was the good humored reply.

The Broken Household.

BY ALICE CARY.
Vainly vainly, memory seeks
Round our father's knee,
Laughing eyes and rosy cheeks,
Where they used to be.
Of the circle once so wide,
Three are wanderers, three have died.
Golden haired, and dewey eyed,
Prattling all the day,
Was the baby first that died;
Oh! 'twas hard to lay
Dimpled hand and cheek of snow
In the grave so dark and low.

Smiling back on all who smiled;
N'er by sorrow thralled,
Half a woman, half a child,
Was the next one called;
Then a grave more deep and wide,
Made they by the baby's side.

When or where the other died
Only heaven can tell,
Trading manhood's path of pride,
Was he when he fell;
Happy thistle, blue and red,
Bloom about his lonely bed.

I am for the living three,
Only left to pray;
Two are on the stormy sea,
Further still than they;
Wanders one, his young heart dim,
Oftenest, most I pray for him.

Whatsoever they do or dare,
Where'er I roam,
Have them, Father, in thy care,
Guide them safely home!
Home, oh! Father, in the sky,
Where none wander and none die.

A WIFE IN TROUBLE!—We do not know when we have read anything so mournfully touching—so thrillingly pathetic, as the following. It proves the lowest depths of sensibility and feeling, and gives us "thoughts too deep for tears." Peruse it "gentle reader," and rise from it a "sadder and wiser man," for we must!

"I pray tell me, my dear, what is the cause of those tears?" "Oh, what a disgrace!" "What disgrace?" "Why, I have opened one of your letters, supposing it was addressed to myself. Certainly it looked more like Mrs. than Mr. —" "Is that all? What harm can there be in a wife opening a husband's letters?" "No harm in that," but the contents! Such a disgrace!" "What?" "Has any one dared to write me a letter unfit to be read by my wife? Oh, no; it is couched in the most chaste language. But the contents!"

Here the wife buried her face in her handkerchief, and commenced sobbing aloud, when the husband eagerly caught up the letter, and commenced reading the epistle that had been the means of nearly breaking his wife's heart. It was a bill from a printer for nine years subscription!

THE AMERICAN PARTY IN MASSACHUSETTS.
A dispatch from Boston, dated November 18th, says:
The Fillmore American Council for Massachusetts met in this city yesterday afternoon. About fifty delegates were in attendance. A series of resolutions were discussed, and finally adopted, acknowledging the supremacy of the National American organization, and declaring in favor of the purification of the ballot box, and the prevention of any interference of church hierarchy in politics, the protection of American men, American rights and American interests—an open Bible and free schools, a registry law in every State, a modification of the naturalization laws, and, in fine, for the general principle that "Americans should rule America."

Some editor says that the destiny of the world often hangs on the smallest trifles. A little mill between Chas. Bonaparte and his love Leila might have broken off a marriage which gave birth to Napoleon and the battle of Waterloo. To which the Chicago Advertiser says: "Yes, that is the fact. Suppose a 'little mill' had taken place between Adam and Eve? What then?"

A Yankee boasting an inveterate hatred of everything British, is living in a neighboring city with a colonist family. He takes every opportunity to have a slap at brother Bull, and the colonist does what he can to defend the venerable gentleman.

"You are arguing," said the colonist, "against your ancestors."
"No, I'm not."
"Who was your father?"
"A Yankee."
"Who were your forefathers?"
"Yankees."
"Who were Adam and Eve?"
"Yankees, by thunder!"

PATIENCE VIA BERRA.—Willie, said a doctor, parent at the breakfast table to an enlarged edition of himself, and who had just entered the grammar class at the high school, "Willie, my dear, will you pass the butter?"
"Thirteenth—altho' me to pathe anything," said Butter, a common substantive, neuter gendered of agreed with hot buckwheat cakes, and his government by dagger—molasses—sardine—

A contemporary of a dance at some country village in the neighborhood of New York, said:
The gorgeous strings of glass, glittered on the heaving bosoms of the village belles, like polished rubies on the delicate surface of warm, apple dumplings.

A lady was asked the other day why she chose to lead a single life, and gravely replied, "because I am not able to support a husband."

The kind lady who sent us a notice, says a Western editor, with the request "to please insert," is assured that such articles are never crowded out of a press of other matter.

Fremont received 250 votes in the city of Baltimore, all of which were cast by freemen, mostly Ger. ans.

"Reading makes a full man"—says Bacon; and Fashion makes a full woman"—says Punch.